the blockage of main sewerage line and overflow of gutters and manholes; and

(b) whether Government have received complaints from Members of Parliament in this regard, if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir. NDMC has reported that its sewere line in which a sewer connection of Block J-24 Mandir Marg has been made is now functioning properly and there is no blockage in this sewer line.

(b) Yes, Sir. Smt. Omem Moyong Deori, MP Rajya Sabha has drawn attention to this problem in January this year on which a report was called for from the NDMC. According to NDMC, the complaint has since been attended to and this particular sewer line is checked regularly. As and when blockages occur, these are removed immediately.

News received from Non-aligned Information Pool

851. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the monthly wordage issued to the Indian subscribers out of the news received from other non-aligned news agencies as part of the Non-aligned Information Pool and what was the average wordage used by the Indian newspapers in year 1985-86; and

(b) what was the monthly average of outflow of pool news from India and what was the monthly average used in other non-aligned countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) The monthly wordage issued to the Indian subscribers out of the news received from other non-aligned news agencies as part of the non-aligned Information Pool during 1985-86 was 2,10,145 words. The average wordage used by the Indian Newspapers was 1,00,600 per month.

(b) The monthly average of out flow of pool wordage from India was 1,99,420. PTI, which operates India News Pool Desk does not have any mechanism to monitor News Pool items published in different countries out of the News Pool items issued by them, from India.

Coverage of sports events by Doordarshan and All India Radio

852. SHRI R. RAMAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the policy followed by Doordarshan and All India Radio regarding coverage of sports events; and

(b) what are the reasons for which horse racing events including prestigious ones like the Indian Turf Invitation Cup are not being covered either by Doordarshan or All India Radio?

THE MINISER OF STATE OF THE INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) The coverage of various sports events is done by the media at the National and State levels, keeping in view *inter-alia* the following:

(i) Popularity of the game.

(ii) Listeners' interest.

(iii) Status of tournaments.

(iv) Other programme commitments.

Generally the live coverage of national events is done on all India National hook-up and State level events are covered at local or regional basis.

When a running commentary or a live coverage does not become feasible, coverage is given through News Bulletins, resumes, reports, Sports magazine, 'World of Sports', etc.

(b) Horse racing events are not covered because of the element of gambling.

Eligibility for allotment of Government quarters on the basis of Joint salary of husband and wife

853. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that if wife and husband are employed in Government service and possess Government accommodation in her husband's name or wife's name who is senior, he|she is deprived of his|her house rent allowance;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

(c) whether Government propose to take into account their emoluments for allotment of higher type accommodation as is applicable in other Government Department *i.e.* Post and Telegraphs; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) According to the extant orders, a Government Servant is not entitled to house rent allowance if his wife/her husband has been allotted accommodation at the same station by Central or State Government, an autonomous public undertaking or semi-Government organisation such as Municipality Port Trust, Nationalised Banks, Life Insurance Corporation of India etc. whether he/she resides in that accommodation or resides separately in accommodation rented by him|her. When the Government servant has been provided accommodation from any of the sources mentioned above, the spouse can reasonably be expected to live in that accommodation. Therefore, payment of house rent allowance to the spouse (who is a Government servant) of a Government servant or an employee of any of the above mentioned organisations, allotted accommodation by the employer, would not be appropriate.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Eligibility of the type of accommodation is decided on the basis of the emoluments drawn by an individual officer. In case emoluments of more than one officer are taken into account, an official drawing lesser emoluments would become entitled for higher type of accommodation whereas another official whose emoluments are more and whose spouse is not in Government service would be entitled for lower type of accommodation.

Editorial Board of the Magazine 'Bhagirath'

854. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) when and for what purpose the Editorial Board for 'Bhagirath' magazine was constituted and how many articles have been published in 'Bhagirath';

(b) when the last meeting of the Editorial Board was held and what decisions were taken and the names of the members who were present in the meeting;

(c) whether the action for implementation of the decisions taken by the editorial board has been completed, if not, who is responsible for this and what are the reasons for the delay; and

(d) what decisions are being taken for convening the meeting of the Board and improving the position of the magazines?